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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: H. ETO, et al.  
Application No.: 09/729,777  
Filed: December 6, 2000  
For: IRON POWDER-BASED OXYGEN-ABSORBING PACKAGE AND  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF  
Art Unit: 1773  
Examiner: S. Ahmed

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 17, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2003, the period of response for which extension is requested by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

**Amendments to the Claims; and**

**Remarks are included following the amendments.**